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Letter no. 3. 28 April. 2004.

The Commissioner for patents, USPTO,

Dear Sir,

Application no 10/042,433. Multi knife cutting device.

Amendments to the clean version of specification ( 10 pages, filed 24 Nov. 2003. ) after correction of errors detailed in office communication of April 6th 2004.

- I have a few amendments to make to the corrected version of the specification, mentioned above
- The purpose of the amendments is to add the missing information so that there is proper support for the claims in the description.
- Erroneous text has been deleted or corrected in some cases
- The abstract is being amended to correctly depict the novel features of the invention.
- Claims are re written to avoid Jepson-type claim, which was not my intention when I sent
  the previous amendment. The structures of my invention are unique compared to the prior
  art and hence should not come under Jepson -type claims.
- I have taken care to see that there is no new matter. The newly added text has underlining.
   All earlier underline marks are removed so that the new amendments can be easily located.
- 1 will explain the new amendments below. All page references are to the clean version of the specification, 10 pages sent in Nov.2003.

## Sl.no. Details of amendment

- 1. Page 2, line 2 is deleted as it is an error.
- 2. Page 4, line 23, AND is replaced by WITH
- 3. Page 5, line 8, the word part 7 is replaced by the word part 6,7
- 4. Page 6, line 5, the word board is replaced by base cum guide.
- 5. Page 6, line 27: The word Improvement is replaced by the word <u>Distinctive features</u>.
- Page 6cnd/page7 starting following new text is added. This is not new matter, only stating the obvious from description
  - "The location of the knife fulcrum right next to the vegetable platform, minimizes the load arm and increases the mechanical advantage. This is made possible by directly mounting the knives on the fulcrum without using a knife frame.
  - There is flexibility in choosing the number of knives for cutting depending on the type of vegetable

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